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SUBJ: PODGORNYY FORMAL REMARKS AT PRESENTATION CEREMONY

FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF FORMAL REMARKS
BY CHAIRMAN PODGORNYY AT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
CEREMONY MARCH 4:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. AMBASSADOR,

ACCEPTING YOUR LETTERS OF CREDENCE, I WELCOME
YOU AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

YOU ARE TAKING UP THIS POST AT A SPECIAL,
PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE MOMENT WHEN, AS A RESULT OF
THE EFFORTS OF BOTH PARTIES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES, IMPORTANT POSITIVE
CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE.

THE PRINCIPLE ESSENCE OF THESE CHANGES, AS GENERAL
SECRETARY OF THE CC CPSU L. I. BREZHNEV NOTED, CONSISTS
IN THE FACT THAT THE TWO MOST POWERFUL POWERS -- ONE
SOCIALIST AND ONE CAPITALIST -- IN A BINDING GOVERN-

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MENTAL-LEGAL FORM HAVE MUTUALLY RECOGNIZED THE PRINCIPLES

PLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AS THE BASIS OF THEIR
MUTUAL RELATIONS AND THEY HAVE OBLIGATED THEMSELVES
TO CONDUCT THEIR FOREIGN POLICY IN SUCH A WAY AS TO
PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR.

IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION YOUR
STATEMENT THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ATTACHES
ESPECIALLY GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO RESPECT FOR THE
PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USA AND USSR IN THE AGREEMENT
ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR.

FOR ITS PART THE SOVIET UNION STEADFASTLY FOLLOWS
A LINE OF DEVELOPING AND IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN
BOTH OF OUR STATES IN THE BASIS OF EQUALITY, NON-
INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ONE ANOTHER
AND OF MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION IN THE INTERESTS
OF STRENGTHENING PEACE.

THIS LINE, EMBODIED IN THE AGREEMENTS AND ACCORDS
WHICH WERE REACHED IN THE COURSE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN
SUMMIT MEETINGS IN MOSCOW IN 1972 AND IN WASHINGTON IN
1973 ENJOY THE FULL AND UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET
PEOPLE. IT FULLY CONFORMS TO THE GENERAL COURSE OF THE
FOREIGN POLICY OF THE USSR OF AFFIRMING IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF
STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, OF DEVELOPING
BUSINESSLIKE COOPERATION AND MULTIFACETED CONTACTS
WITH ALL COUNTRIES WHICH RESPOND RECIPROCALLY ON THEIR
PART.

THE RESTRUCTURING OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, THE
TURN FROM THE "COLD WAR, TOWARD DETENTE, HAS A
FAVORABLE EFFECT ON THE SOLUTION OF URGENT INTERN-
ATIONAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE TASKS OF GUARANTEEING
SECURITY IN EUROPE AND SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST
CONFLICT. THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE USSR AND
USA, THE FIRST STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE MATTER OF
LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS.

IT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, NOT TO SLACKEN EFFORTS
IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD SUCCESSFULLY TOWARD CONCLUDING
A SETTLEMENT OF THESE PROBLEMS, AND TO MAKE STEADY OUR
MOVEMENT ALONG THE PATH OF FURTHER LIMITING AND REDUCING
ARMAMENTS.

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IN THE LAST TWO YEARS BILATERAL TIES AND
BUSINESSLIKE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USSR AND USA
IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMICS AND TRADE, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURE AND OTHER AREAS HAVE BROADENED
SIGNIFICANTLY AND HAVE BECOME MORE ACTIVE. ALREADY THIS
COOPERATION NOT ONLY YIELDS DIRECT PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES
TO BOTH COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO STRENGTHENS THE FOUNDATION
OF OUR POLITICAL RELATIONS.

HOWEVER, HERE ALSO THERE REMAINS MUCH TO DO,
BOTH IN TERMS OF TAKING MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF EXISTING
OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL AS OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AND
DIFFICULTIES WHICH STILL EXIST. WE TAKE NOTE
OF THE ASSURANCES OF PRESIDENT NIXON CONVEYED THROUGH YOU
THAT HE STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF
SOVIET-AMERICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF
MUTUAL ADVANTAGE.

ON THE WHOLE, A GOOD FOUNDATION HAS THUS FARE BEEN
LAID IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THERE ARE
PROMISING PROSPECTS FOR THEIR GREATER ACTIVATION AND
CONSOLIDATION INHSHE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE
USSR AND USA AND IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES AND
PEOPLES, FOR THE SAKE OF UNIVERAL PEACE.

WE ON OUR PART WILL OD EVERYTHING IN ORDER THAT
THE FORTHCOMING SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT IN MOSCOW THIS
YEAR WILL BE MARKED BY NEW MAJOR JOINT STEPS TOWARD
DEEPENING THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND TOWARD FURTHER
CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

I ACCEPT WITH SATISFACTION YOUR STATEMENT,
MR. AMBASSADOR, THAT YOU WILL DIRECT ALL YOUR EFFORTS
TOWARD THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES.

I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT IN THIS ACTIVITY OF
YOURS YOU WILL MEET WITH THE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AND
ATTENTION ON THE PART OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME
SOVIET OF THE USSR AND OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

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